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# PROBUS NEWS

The monthly newsletter of Reading East Probus  
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**PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT  
THE QUIZ QUESTION ON  
THE SECOND PAGE!**

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**Today's Talk is on Zoom at 10:00 ...**

**Nick Brazil**



**Jordan - a Young Country in an Ancient Land**

### **Next Month's Zoom Meeting**

Is on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 at 10:00 when speaker will be Antony Wood with his talk Colonel Sir Francis Younghusband.

### **General**

The Committee met on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> October via Zoom. Gordon Murray-Smith's recovery is ongoing and he continues to keep a watchful eye on proceedings from the wings.

The continuing rise of the second wave of Covid infections means the only option for us to meet together as a group is via Zoom.

Please support your club by joining the Zoom Meetings. You will have already received your email invitation to today's meeting. All you have to do is to click on the link within the email and respond to the prompts on the screen. Your fellow members will soon appear in front of you and there will be an opportunity to chat in small groups in "breakout rooms" which will be explained during the meeting.

### **William Cattermole**

William is an Associate Member of our club and reached the grand age of 95 on the 16<sup>th</sup> October. The club sent William a birthday greetings card and we wish him well for the future. Thanks to Doug Walters for alerting us to the occasion.

### **2021 Probus Calendar**

The winner of the vote for your favourite photograph from the twelve finalists chosen for the 2021 calendar will be announced during the Zoom Meeting today.

Understandably, the numbers ordered by the closing date last Friday are down on previous years so the calendar will cost £6 per copy, the first price rise for five years.

The calendars should be received from the printers towards the end of November when payment details will be announced and delivery will be made to your door by members of the committee.

### **Group Activities**

The final walk of the curtailed 2020 season attracted 14 people for a socially distanced walk organised by Keith Toogood & Peter Gough from Ewelme on the 20<sup>th</sup> October. After an unpromising start under leaden skies, the weather brightened up to show the autumn colours in the Oxfordshire countryside.

### **Members Birthdays**

The following members have had, or will have their birthdays in October :-

Peter Francis, Bill Holden, Tony Precious, Geoffrey Wallace and Barrie Machin.

Happy Days!

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## Social Calendar Details - provided by Chris Ward and Peter Francis

### READING EAST PROBUS CLUB - FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

Day/Date	Event	Deposit/Payment required	Balance required
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov. 2020	<b>NEW</b> - Talk by Anthony Wood via Zoom at 10:00 : - 'Colonel Sir Francis Younghusband'	-	-
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2020	<b>DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES</b> - Christmas event via Zoom at 10:00, details next month.	-	-
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021	<b>DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES</b> - Early Spring Walk in Windsor Great Park - details in the New Year. Organisers: Keith Toogood and Peter Gough	-	-
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 2021 to Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 2021	<b>NEW</b> - A Four Night Walking/Sightseeing visit to Warner Leisure - Thoresby Hall Hotel, Nr. Ollerton, Nottinghamshire. Thoresby Hall Hotel is a Grade 1 listed building with the house's broad terrace overlooking a croquet lawn and acres of classic parkland. See more by following this link: <a href="https://www.warnerleisurehotels.co.uk/hotels/thoresby-hall-hotel">https://www.warnerleisurehotels.co.uk/hotels/thoresby-hall-hotel</a> The cost is £299 pp. for four nights based on a couple sharing a standard room, dinner, bed and breakfast. <b>There is an option to upgrade to a superior room for £10 pp per night.</b> <b>Warner hotels offer free insurance so you can book without worry.</b> Paul Townson is the organiser Tel: 0118 975 2191 Please inform Paul by the 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2020 if you wish to join the visit either by : - Email: <a href="mailto:p.townson@ntlworld.com">p.townson@ntlworld.com</a> or by Phone: 0118 975 2191	Deposit of £30 pp. will be due when the level of interest has been established	

### >>> NEWS EXTRA

#### Quick Quiz

All will come clear at today's meeting, so please give some thought to your answer in the meantime. You will be able to confer with your fellow members in your "breakout rooms" before we all re-convene and the answer will be revealed.

What do these seven words have in common?

1. Banana
2. Dresser
3. Grammar
4. Potato
5. Revive
6. Uneven
7. Assess

### Reading East Probus — Committee Members

**Chairman** - Gordon Murray-Smith, **Vice Chairman** - Nigel Poole (co-opted - Acting Chairman),  
**Social and Visits Secretary** - Adrian Bellars, **Treasurer** - Keith Toogood, **Secretary** - Richard Greenaway,  
**Membership Secretary & Almoner** - Geoffrey Wallace, **Lunch Secretary** - Nick Bell (co-opted),  
**Speaker Secretary** - Chris Ward, **Communications Officer** - Peter Gough,  
**Committee Member, Club Sales & Walks Coordinator** - Peter Francis